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## Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per Company's steam-ship "Hooley" are requested to tend in their Bills of Lading, for countersignature, and to take delivery of their Goods before the 23rd Inst., at Noon, or they will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

O. BEITLAND,  
Principal Agent.

Hongkong, August 21, 1869.

## NOTICE.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignee, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Gambier," 24 February, 1869.

GEO. BROWN, 1 case of Smallware.

Ex "Dorothy," 26th July, 1869.

JO 4 1 case Sheets.

Ex "Hooley," 23rd August, 1869.

C M 1 1 case Bedding.

G A S 39/40 1 case Gold Thread.

G & C 8 1 case Optical Instruments.

V E 3 1 case Baggage.

V T A O 1 Portmanteau.

Hongkong Gas Co. 1 case Ironware.

C. BEITLAND,  
Principal Agent.

Hongkong, August 23, 1869.

"INVINCIBLE" FROM LONDON.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignee, who are requested to sign their Bills of Lading, and the Underwriters for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, August 23, 1869.

NETHERLAND BARQUE, MARIA ELIZA.

PETE V. D. GEVEL, Master.

FROM ROTTERDAM &

SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriters for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

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MELAHERS & Co.

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We have on several occasions pointed  
out the very great convenience of  
the public and to the military which would  
the character of the periodical and its  
conductors. The *Observer* misconceives the  
object of our laughter, which certainly was  
not directed against *Paul*, but at the  
parade ground; and one or two recent  
incidents have strengthened the view we  
upheld. The parade ground is very  
nearly, not merely reserved for Military  
parades, but is considered as the proper  
spot in the death of anything like com-  
mon ground, to place at the disposal of  
the rank and file for cricket, foot-ball,  
etc. Within the last few days one or  
two accidents, fortunately trifling but  
which might have been serious, have  
occurred to persons by from the ball  
expelled out of bounds. Now, we are the  
persons to be grieved the soldiers of the  
army who go so far to  
relieve the tedium of barrack life, but it is  
very certain that either some alteration  
must be made in the ground—a certain  
amount of danger must constantly be run  
by persons and riders passing it  
or the area for play must be diminished.  
We should be very sorry to see  
the latter alternative adopted, while the  
public rightly object to running the risk  
of being struck from a horse or carriage  
in the interest of the  
army who would go parade and  
amusement ground of civilians who  
would get a safer and more extensive  
ground, and of the public who  
would be placed in safety at a minimum  
of inconvenience, carry the carriage road  
along the side of the City Hall and inside  
the line of trees on the Praya Promenade.  
To riders and drivers and people  
it is the additional few yards would  
be of great service. Pedestrians might use a  
small opening in the present road  
that would improve the appearance of  
the City Hall and not injure the Praya,  
and there would seem to be strong arguments  
in favor of our suggestion.

A CANTON correspondent writes under date  
of August 24.—On Monday last a number of  
native officials assembled at the residence  
of the Salt Monopolist, Poon Sen, Shing,  
for the purpose of making an inventory of  
his real and personal property, preparatory  
to the issuing of his will. It appears that the  
predecessor of Poon, who was a relative of his,  
was instructed to the Imperial Exchequer to  
the extent of some twenty taels of dollars  
for the salt farm; an arrangement was come  
to, some twenty years ago, between Poon and  
his predecessor for the transferance of  
the farm by the latter to the former, who  
assumed also to pay up the arrears by an  
annual instalment, which were to be cleared  
off within a period of forty years. This  
arrangement is stated to have turned out  
to be a bad speculation for Poon, owing  
to the smuggling that seems to have  
been carried on in the servants' quarters.  
The servants are said to have caused  
the damage, and the impression  
that a devil must have done the  
breakage. The head-boy said he knew the  
defendants, as friends of his own or  
some people else who were sleeping with  
them last night. This boy knew it was  
against orders to have any friends on the  
premises; but he had done so in the  
instant. Mr. May cautioned the boy against  
doing things against orders, and said he  
would be punished if he did so again; and  
his master complained. The prisoners  
were to be lenient towards him for  
his backwoods in fulfilling the terms of  
the farm; for among the Celestials it is not  
unusual that a multitude of this,  
but "large-faced," of which the happy  
possessor may go on doing such things,  
which if done by another without a "large  
face," will not escape detection and punishment.  
But Poon's star was in eclipse, for  
his eldest son, in whom all his hopes  
and expectations were centred, departed  
this life two years ago; and seeing his  
other sons are not worth their salt, he  
came to the resolution of retiring from the  
salt monopoly business without getting  
himself more deeply into the mess during  
his life time, and his family into trouble  
after his death. As it had been previously  
arranged by mutual consent when the  
inventory was to be made out, Poon's  
countrymen seem to be of opinion that by  
his present line of action, his family will be  
much better off than they would have been  
by his continuing the monopoly, for the  
assuredly surrendered are expected to realize  
within one quarter of the 25 taels said to  
be due for the farm, whilst the debt would  
not have been so easily compounded for after  
his death. At this stage of my writing it  
occurs to me that when one in the position  
of the salt monopolist, and residing within  
the reach of the very clutches of the man-  
darin does not scruple to put forward an  
unjust account of his assets, after his  
bankruptcy has been publicly declared,  
what reliance there can be in the statement  
of assets of those Celestials who go  
through the "white-washing" process  
in their place? No doubt there is a mountain-  
ous difficulty in the way of getting at the  
truth of what a Celestial states to be his  
assets in his schedule filed in an English  
Court, and was, perhaps, with a due  
regard to this advantage of a native over a  
foreign merchant, that the non-official  
members of your Legislative Council objected  
to the introduction of the Bankruptcy  
Act into your Colony; but their voices did  
not prevail.

The Magistrate of Sun-wet district, Ha  
Leng O, has been promoted to the post of  
Gong Hui. As a knowledge of the general  
manners of fighting for part, *Qiong*  
Hui's duties, and as Ha has given proof of  
being possessed of such a knowledge,  
the *Chet* has consequently conferred the  
appointment upon him, subject of course to  
the *Wong-tai*'s approval.—Those of your  
fellow-colonists who have been in the habit  
of writing to a promising young Celestial  
here, who went by the name of Achim,  
regarding flowers and other plants, will no  
doubt regret to hear that he is no more.  
He died three weeks ago.

A season of regular firing away seems to  
have set in with us—Cappers and bar, and  
Straw hats and fans to the American market.  
The only article that is neglected at present  
is Chinaman. It is to be hoped that there  
will be no weeping and quashing of teeth in  
the end. A Hongkong mason is said to  
have contracted for the construction of the  
house of Shamsen, which an American firm  
has agreed to rent for \$12,000. The carpenters are stated  
to have been higher by a couple of thousand.  
In justice to honest workmen, however,  
it may be stated that the preference given  
to cheap tenders has cost dearer in  
the long run, by the fact of the premises  
requiring repairs in a short space of time.

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We have the following extract from the  
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*China Mail* laugh at the *Ceylon Observer*  
for its favourable notice of the *China Punch*,  
which is a periodical and its conductors the  
*China Mail* editor has evidently a contempor-  
ary connection. Our Hongkong contempo-  
rary will have seen that subsequently we

had good reason to share his opinion. We  
wrote under an entire misconception as to  
the character of the periodical and its  
conductors." The *Observer* misconceives the  
object of our laughter, which certainly was  
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